

# PRESIDENT HAILS C. I. A. OPERATIVES

**Calls Them 'Unsung Heroes'  
in Dedicating New 'Cloak  
and Dagger' Building**

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President Eisenhower laid the cornerstone of the new Central Intelligence Agency building today, dedicating it to the "undecorated and unsung heroes of the intelligence forces at home and abroad."

His participation in the ceremonies at near-by Langley, Va., brought out of official hiding an important Federal agency whose expenditures are not subject to Congressional review and whose employees have been forbidden to say where they work.

The official program, however, included everything but a road map to the \$66,000,000 building, situated on a bluff ten miles west of Washington, on the south side of the Potomac River.

In the agency's headquarters in downtown Washington, meanwhile, operations continued in the cloak-and-dagger tradition. The switchboard was still answering calls by repeating the telephone number rather than identifying the agency by name. The same technique was used when an official was requested by name.

Driving to the dedication site, the President stopped to cut a ribbon opening a section of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. It was built at a cost of \$2,400,000 to provide quick access to the new building from Washington.

In his brief, prepared remarks the President said that only on the basis of comprehensive and appropriate information could the country develop policies to make peace permanent and just. "In war," he said, "nothing is more important to a commander than the facts concerning the strength, dispositions and intention of his opponent, and the proper interpretation of those facts."

"In peacetime, the necessary facts are of a different nature. They deal with conditions, resources, requirements and attitudes prevailing in the world. They and their proper interpretation are essential to the development of policy to further our long-term national security and best interests."

"No task could be more important."



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**DEDICATES NEW BUILDING:** President Eisenhower prepares to lay the cornerstone of the Central Intelligence Agency building in Langley, Va. Standing next to cornerstone is Allen W. Dulles, director of agency.

## Work Gets 'Little Reward'

The very nature of the work of the C. I. A. requires of its members "the highest order of dedication, ability, trustworthiness and selflessness—saying nothing of the highest type of courage whenever needed," the President noted.

"In the work of intelligence," he went on, "heroes are undecorated and unsung, often even missing their own fraternity."

"Our inspiration is rooted in the belief that their reward can be found only in the conviction that they are performing a unique and indispensable service for their country, and the knowledge that America needs and appreciates their efforts."

The President was introduced by Allen W. Dulles, C. I. A. director, to an audience made up largely of Government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

Dulles recalled that World War II had brought home to the United States its vital interest in such distant places as Korea, Laos and Africa.

He sought to make two main points—that "facts have no politics" and that the C. I. A. was not involved in policy-making.

"In this work of intelligence," he said, "we must not forget that human beings are largely the creatures of their beliefs. As individuals, we tend instinctively, and sometimes wistfully, to become attached to causes, to theories, to solutions."

"If they be sound and enduring, based on the deep moral strivings of man and the highest conception of our national interests, let us cling to them. But in the field of our relations with our fellow men abroad, let us assure ourselves, through accurate intelligence, that our attachments to policies are soundly based."

Road signs marked the distance and way to the new building. However, neither Virginia State Troopers on the scene nor District of Columbia motorcycle policemen could say for certain whether the markers would be there tomorrow.

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As a box was about to be sealed in the cornerstone, the President asked Mr. Dulles, in an aside, what was in it. Mr. Dulles replied, "It's a secret," although the contents had been listed in the official program.

## Votes in Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Nov. 3 (UPI)—President Eisenhower voted today in his adopted hometown.

He arrived by helicopter shortly after having laid the cornerstone of the new Central Intelligence Agency headquarters. Mrs. Eisenhower did not accompany him, since she is recovering from a cold.

The President told H. Earl Pitzer, Republican county chairman, that he had had trouble figuring out the constitutional proposals on the ballot. He expressed the hope that the people would "vote as well this year for the party as they did last year."

He returned to Washington by helicopter in the early afternoon.